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Mr. Theodore Morrison Jr.  
Chairman, Virginia State Corporation Commission  
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Dear Judge Morrison:

It is my understanding that the State Corporation Commission (SCC) is currently reviewing its authority to promote energy efficiency programs that would make efficiency cost effective. Incentive programs for residential consumers and parallel efforts with commercial consumers are vital to the future success in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation to save energy, and I am excited to see the results of that work.

I write today to encourage the SCC to take into consideration energy efficiency efforts, new technology and demand side management programs when reviewing applications for new transmission or generation in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I have asked Dominion Virginia Power to expeditiously put forward proposals for energy efficiency promotion for Dominion's customers. As an example, Dominion needs to look no farther than across Virginia's southern border to their counterpart in North Carolina, Duke Energy, which has recently sent a proposal to the North Carolina Utilities Commission outlining ways to expand energy efficiency, in fact calling it a "fifth fuel."

Duke Energy maintains that these programs in just four years can reduce new generation capacity needs by approximately 1,700 megawatts. Duke also states that efficiency programs would cost about 10 percent less than building new infrastructure and generation capacity.

The proposed programs include:

- Home energy audits to help consumers make more efficient energy choices in their homes,
- Incentives for compact fluorescent light bulbs and efficient heating and cooling systems,
- Home weatherization and energy efficiency equipment purchasing programs for low income consumers,
- Education programs for schools to teach students about energy efficiency and how to perform home energy audits, and
- Credit for allowing cycling of air conditioning during peak demand.

The Virginia State Corporation Commission can play an important role in ensuring that the Commonwealth is promoting efficiency and reducing environmental impacts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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CEO, Dominion Virginia Power  
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Dominion can play an important role in ensuring that the company's strategic operating plan in reality is promoting efficiency and reducing environmental impacts rather than the reverse.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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